(c) In order to see that good quality of items are supplied through Food Corporation of India godowns, inspection is carried out by the officials of the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation, the Food and Supplies Department, Delhi Administration, and the Technical Officers of the Food Corporation of India.

It has also been ordered that 2 fair price shop holders be present at each of the four Food Corporation of India godowns to see the quality of Specified Food Articles being supplied. It has been ordered that in the event of supply of inferior quality of foodgrains the fair price shop holder must make a complaint to the Circle F.S.O. within 24 hours and should not display such foodgrains for sale. Bad quality foodgrains are replaced within 72 hours by the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation.

Fair Price Shops in Delhi

2077. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the articles in fair price shops of Delhi are not available and as a result ration card hodlers sometimes have to forego one or two items;

(b) whether Government have made any enquiry in the matter, if so, with what results;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been taken to ensure supply of all the items of good quality in fair price shop in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Generally all articles are readily available in the fair price shops of Delhi and the cardholders are not required to forego any article due to its non-availability. In the rare case of any occasional shortage of any article in any area, immediate arrangements to reach the supplies there, are made by the Delhi Administration.

(d) The system of Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation reaching essential articles to the doorsteps of fair price shops has been introduced throughout Delhi. This system ensures regular and timely supply of essential articles of good quality to fair price shops and eliminates chances of their diversion to undesirable trade channels. The system also provides for prompt replacement of bad quality stocks, if any, in fair price shops, immediately on their detection. The supply of these articles to fair price shops is arranged one fortnight in advance so that the articles are available to the cardholders at the beginning of the fortnight for which they are meant. Arrangements have also been made to supply monthly quota of sugar to cardholders at their option.

Delhi Civi Supplies Corporation

2078. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the F.P.S. holders of Delhi are required to take their articles through the Delhi Civil Supplies Corporation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that sometimes articles so supplied are found bad in quality and lesser in weight;

(c) whether Government propose to restore the previous practice of collection of articles by the F.P.S.; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The specified food articles are reached by the Delhi State Supplies Corporation Ltd., to the door steps of the fair price shops.

(b) In case any articles are found to be bad in quality or less in weight, the fair price shop owner can, with the help of the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., obtain replacement of those aritcles from the godowns of the Food Corporation of India.

(c) and (d) The Delhi Administration does not propose to revert to the previous practice as the new system is found to be beneficial to all concerned.

Drinking Water Supply in Uttar Pradesh

2079. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh where drinking water facilities ar not available; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take in this regard during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Water supply is a State subject. Schemes for providing drinking water in rural areas are formulated and executed by State Governments. The Ministry of Works and Housing provides grants under the Accelerated Rural Supply Programme for covering problem villages. Information regarding the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh where drinking water facilities are not available will be available with the State Government. However, out of 28505 problem villages identified in 1980, 27143 problem villages in Uttar Pradesh have been provided with at least one source of safe drinking water by the end of the VI Five Year Plan, leaving a balance of 1362 problem villages.

(b) During the VII Five Year Plan, the problem villages spilling over from the VI Five Year Plan, identified as on 1-4-85 and partially covered villages|habitations, especially habitations of SCs|STs, will be given priority. According to the information furnished by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, 3854 problem villages (old and new) are likely to be covered during the current year.

Wheat demaged due to floods in Punjab

2080. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the extent of damage to wheat in different flood-hit areas in Punjab in the recent floods;

(b) if so, the quantity and approximate value of wheat loss; and

(c) what steps have been devised to meet such situations by providing more storage space?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Due to recent un-precedented floods, FCI stocks in 13 depots in Jullundur district and one depot in Hoshiarpur district have been affected.

(b) The quantity and approximate value of wheat loss will be known after completion of the salvaging operations.

(c) Shifting, salvaging and segregation operations have started at various centres. District Managers have been directed to shift the stock to safer places immediately, after carefully reviewing flood conditions in the area.

Issue of Completion Certificates by DDA

2081. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question 1062 in Rajya Sabha on 10th May, 1985 and state:

(a) whether completion certificates have been issued in the remaining cases of houses in Block 'A', Janakpuri, Delhi;

(b) if so, the dates on which completion certificates were issued, separately, in each case;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for not issuing completion certificates, separately, in each case; and

(d) by when the completion certificates will be issued?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.